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REMARKS

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SOURCE 

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1. The following air activity and aircraft were observed at Brandenburg-Arado airfield between 4 and 10 October 1953:

4 October. At 9 a.m., no air activity was observed. Thirty-four Il-10s were counted at the field.5 October. Between 8 a.m. and 1 p.m., individual flights were made by ground attack aircraft each of which performed some local flights, made some low-level attacks and landed after 15 to 20 minutes. Occasionally, flights in elements of two were made. There was a closed ceiling with intermittent rain showers.10 October. At about 2 p.m.; no aircraft were observed at the field. Source had not observed the departure of the aircraft.

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2. The following observations were made at the field between 7 and 10 October:

7 October. About 40 canvas-covered Il-10s were parked on the eastern edge of the field.10 October. At 8:30 a.m., 4 Il-10s took off heading northwest. Up to 10:30 a.m., additional take-offs were made by ground attack aircraft which also left the field. The radio truck which, during air activity, had been located on the southern edge of the field, moved into the yard of the Pioneer Kaserne and the sentries wearing black-bordered blue epaulets and armed with carbines, which had been posted at intervals of about 100 meters until the last aircraft took off, returned to the Pioneer Kaserne. At the same time, there was intensive truck traffic to and from the barracks installation.11 October. At 6 a.m., no activity and no aircraft were observed at the field.10 October. At about 3 p.m., a train with open and closed cars, loaded with trucks and equipment, left Brandenburg-Altstadt railroad station. The service color worn by the troops could not be identified.

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3. On 8 and 9 October, source observed in Brandenburg that intensive air activity was conducted in the direction of Brandenburg Arado airfield. Since 10 October, however, no air activity has been seen. A local resident stated that the Soviets had transferred.

25X1A1.  Comment. Brandenburg-Arado airfield is still occupied by a ground attack regiment with 40 to 45 Il-10s.25X1A2.  Comment. When the Il-10s left Brandenburg-Arado airfield, an exercise was held by the Eighth Gds Army in Thuringia. The regiment probably participated in this exercise and, therefore, temporarily transferred to an airfield in the area of the maneuver. The shipment which was observed on 10 October was probably connected with the transfer.